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SUBJ: GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR

REF: GENEVA 1566

1. REFTEL ASKS DEPT TO INSTRUCT THIS EMBASSY TO APPROACH AUSTRALIANS ON RELATIVELY RECONDITE ISSUE OF WHETHER "EARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION" SHOULD BE TERMED INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS WITHIN MEANING OF PROTOCOL I OF GENEVA PROTOCOLS.

2. IF DEPT DECIDES SO TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY, WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF INSTRUCTION WOULD PROVIDE US WITH ADEQUATE AMMUNITION AND INFO. EMBASSY, FOR EXAMPLE, DOES NOT HAVE FULL SET OF GENEVA PROTOCOLS OF 1949, AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH AUSTRALIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH HAS ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION. MOREOVER, WE FIND REFTEL SOMEWHAT PUZZLING, IN THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US HOW EXTENSION OF POW STATUS TO PERSONNEL OF NATIONAL LIBERATION STATUS (PARA 1) WOULD DENY POW TREATMENT TO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN  
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STRUGGLE SUCH AS TOOK PLACE IN VIET-NAM (PARA 2). AS

DEPT AWARE, WE DID ACCORD CAPTURED VIET CONG AND NVA  
PERSONNEL STANDARD POW TREATMENT AND ARRANGED FOR RED  
CROSS VISITS TO PLACES OF DETENTION.  
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